

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-30, 32, 34, and 37-42 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 27 being the independent claims. Claim 2 is sought to be amended to correct for a minor grammatical error, Applicants believe without changing the scope of the claim. New dependent claims 39-42 are sought to be added.

New claims 39-42 depend from claim 17, which depends from claim 1, where claims 1 and 17 have been allowed by the Examiner. Support for the subject matter of the new claims 39-42 can be found, for example, in paragraphs [0029] and [0082] of the originally filed application.

Figures 17 and 18, and the corresponding new paragraphs relating thereto shown above, are sought to be added in this amendment to elaborate on features found in the originally filed application. Support for these changes is found, for example, generally throughout the originally filed application, and also through the incorporation by reference of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/431,240 and 60/491,537 at paragraph [0001] of this original application. For example, the new figures and new text shown above are fully supported by Figures 37 and 38, and related text, of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/491,537.

Therefore, these changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

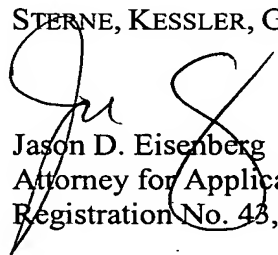
An information disclosure statement is being filed concurrently herewith in order to cite references that were cited in the prosecution of related cases. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references, and acknowledge that consideration through initialing Form PTO/SB/08A and returning this initialed form to Applicants indicating that the references have been considered.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment to the Drawings

New Figures 17 and 18 are sought to be added.